

Texas State Capitol

Teacher Guide

7th-8th Grade Tour

A field trip to the Texas State Capitol provides an exciting and unique experience for students of all ages. The Texas Capitol has stood for more than 120 years and has become a dynamic symbol of the state.



The Capitol has **FREE** guided tours that are offered daily. The tours focus on architecture, Texas history and the legislative process. For more information and to schedule your tour please call 512.305.8402.

The 7th-8th Grade tour emphasizes the history of Texas including the eras of colonization, revolution, republic and statehood. Students will discover the contributions of people of various racial and ethnic groups to Texas. Students learn about the structure and functions of state government.

Students generally do the following:

- ★ **View** the monumental statues of Stephen F. Austin and Sam Houston in the *South Foyer*.
- ★ **Discover** the six sovereign nations that have governed Texas on the floor of the *Rotunda*.
- ★ **See** portraits of the diverse and important leaders in Texas politics including, Lorenzo DeZavala and Barbara Jordan in the *Senate Chamber*.
- ★ **Learn** how laws are made in the *House of Representatives Chamber*.
- ★ **Explore** the Texas-sized architecture of the statehouse in the *Capitol Extension*.

The tour meets the following Social Studies TEKS objectives:

7th Grade

- 7.1A & 1C
- 7.2B, 2C, 2D & 2E
- 7.3A, 3B & 3C
- 7.4A & 4C
- 7.5C
- 7.6C
- 7.7D
- 7.18B
- 7.19D
- 7.21A & 21C
- 7.22A

8th Grade

- 8.1A
- 8.6E
- 8.29A & 29C
- 8.30A

